Commodore Users Clubs
c/o Editor
Commodore Magazine
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Dear Sir:

Livermore California has it's own PET club which is about two years old now. Our formal name is PALS which is an acronym for PETS Around Livermore Society. We meet on the third Wednesday of each month. We maintain a library of tapes for swapping and ,of course, exchange only tapes that are free of copywrite restictions. Occasionally we feature new hardware add-ons for Commodore computers. A member from ECX , a sales and service representative from Walnut Creek Ca , usually attends the meetings and demonstrates new Commodore products.

The president of the club is Jo Johnson who has had a great deal of experience teaching children on PET computers. We will of course be very interested in any information you have to offer us. Our address is

PALS
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Sincerely,

John Rambo

PROGRAMS

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Keyboarding a program is an excellent way to improve your computer knowledge. But it can be very frustrating! Here are some things to look out for...

* Expect the worst from PG&E...don't wait until you have the whole thing keyed in before you save a copy. Make intermediate copies for backup as you go ... probably every 15-20 minutes. Imagine how you would feel if you had no backup, were just about to save the whole thing, and the power went out! It happens.

* Don't expect your program to run the first time. You need to check and recheck your work. Often lines are missed; the letter i is mistaken for 1; the letter O for 0; and just about anything that can go wrong, does.

* Many of these programs were written for other machines...not to worry. Most of the stuff converts easily but you may need help.

* The best way to find errors in a long program is to get a listing on a printer. If you want one, I'll be happy to make one for you provided you get a copy of your tape to me.

* Different magazines use different ways to show the cursor characters. For example, clr is equivalent to print"clr". Again, you may need help here.

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After all this scary stuff, you may wonder if it's worth it. There is no better way to learn! If you do get the darn thing to run, it's a really great feeling. Then you find yourself making little changes to make the program nicer...and you're hooked!

If enough of us key in programs and get them working on the PET, this will be a good start on a Livermore group library which will be helpful in arranging swaps with other clubs. We need to come up with programs we author as well, but this is a good place to begin.

PALS Meeting

Thursday March 19

Fifth Street School
2253 Fifth Street (between I and J Streets)

7:30 to 9:00

The agenda?

--A review of some available printers.

--Plus

--Sound for your PET. One unit installs easily inside your PET and will be available to buy.

--From 8-9:00 we'll swap programs. Bring any you have that are in the public domain.

Announcements

--PALS is half a year old this month. Those who have received notices every month but have never come to a meeting will be dropped from the mailing list starting next month, unless they indicate they want to continue to hear about PALS.

--In April we will meet on the fourth Thursday, April 23, rather than our usual third Thursday because of Spring Vacation.

--Invite any PET owners you know to join us.

PALS Meeting

Thursday May 21

Fifth Street School
2253 Fifth Street (between I and J Streets)

7:30 to 9:00

The agenda?

--Graphics

--From 8-9:00 we'll swap programs. Bring any you have that are in the public domain.

Announcements

--We will be holding summer meetings the third Thursday of each month. If you get your notice through school district mail and want notices of summer meetings bring a dollar to cover summer mailing costs or phone Jo at 449-1084 to find out where the meeting will be. If you get your notice through the lab, you will continue to get it that way.

--Invite any PET owners you know to join us.

PALS Meeting

Wednesday September 16

Fifth Street School
2253 Fifth Street (between I and J Streets)

7:30 to 9:00

--A review of available word processing programs, both tape and disk based.

--From 8-9:00 we'll swap programs. Bring any good ones you have that are in the public domain.

Announcements

Next month PALS will be one year old! We will consider goals for our second year. Think about what you want from the club.

The next issue of Cursor will be the last one many of us have paid for. Be ready to write a check if you want to renew or subscribe for the first time.

Invite any PET or VIC owners you know to join us.

John Rambo

PALS Meeting

Wednesday October 21

Fifth Street School
2253 Fifth Street (between I and J Streets)

7:30 to 9:00

We'll look at several utility roms--Power, Command-o, Disc-o-pro, or any others you like and bring to demo.

Plus hear a PET speak

From 8-9:00 we'll swap programs. Bring any good ones you have that are in the public domain.

Announcements

We plan to send in just one order for Cursor this year. October is the month! Checks or purchase orders should be made to Pals.

Invite any PET or VIC owners you know to join us.